

**Tennessee State Parks  
Events and Happenings  
August to December 14, 2006**

**Bicentennial  
Capitol Mall**

**August Weekdays**

**Characters In Time**

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**Reelfoot Lake**

**Month of August**

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**Long Hunter**

**August 4**

**An Artist Eyes Plants**

Before cameras and video recordings, early botanists used the brush or pencil to document the vegetation of our natural world. Learn the history of early cedar glade botanists while trying your hand at native plant illustration. Instruction and basic materials will be provided. Ages 10 and above. 9 am. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.

**Long Hunter**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**

**Fun with Fungi**

Fungi occupy an important position in our world, both ecologically and economically speaking. Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri as she discusses the importance of these often overlooked organisms while showcasing some of the familiar (and the not so familiar) species that play such a vital role in our daily lives. A brief discovery hike will follow. Ages 10 and above. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.

**Duck River Complex  
Natural Area**

**August 5**

**Canoe Float on the Duck River State Scenic River**

**Location:** Meet at the river fountain at Bicentennial Mall State Park just north of the capitol near the Farmers Market. Transportation for the first 10 people to sign up will be provided.

**Date:** August 5, 2006.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. CDT

**Leader:** Forrest Evans, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage.

**Reservations required:** RSVP by August 4<sup>th</sup> to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431 or [forrest.evans@state.tn.us](mailto:forrest.evans@state.tn.us). The first 10 reservations can take advantage of free van transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

**Description:** Come join us as we enjoy the cool waters of the Duck River on a warm summer day. We will be on a very flat and easy stretch of river from Leftwich Bridge to the new TWRA take out at Howard Bridge. This stretch of the river has a gentle current and no real rapids, and will take about 4 hours to float. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn to canoe. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoe or kayak, but will have to provide their own transportation if they do. Canoes can be rented at a special discount of \$10 per person or \$20 per canoe through a local canoe vendor. Our put in point is about a 45-minute drive south of Nashville on I-65. Bring lunch and water and maybe a change of clothes.

#### **Fort Loudoun**

**August 5 & 6**

#### **Oconostota Victory Garrison Weekend**

The Independent Company of South Carolina will bring Fort Loudoun to life with demonstrations depicting the daily routine of a British garrison of the late 1750's. The weekend's activities will culminate with a commemoration of the fort's surrender to the Cherokees. [Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us](mailto:Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us) or (423) 884- 6217.

#### **Red Clay**

**August 5 & 6**

#### **Cherokee Days of Recognition**

This is held the first Saturday and Sunday in August. It includes authentic Cherokee crafts and food, Cherokee storytelling, music and dance. For more information contact [Lois.Osborne@state.tn.us](mailto:Lois.Osborne@state.tn.us) or (423) 478-0339.

#### **Sycamore Shoals**

**August 6**

#### **5th Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count**

Join naturalist, Don Holt for this day long winged adventure. Come for all or part of the day. Sponsored by the Xerces Society & Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park. (*Rain Date: Saturday, August 12.*) Meeting times: 9:00 am & 1:00 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

#### **David Crockett**

**August 11-13**

#### **David Crockett Days**

David Crockett Days is a pre-1840's rendezvous held annually to celebrate Crockett's birthday. Period camps, vendors selling period goods, demonstrations that include blacksmithing, brain tanning, etc., period music, and competitions of period firearms, tomahawk throwing, and fire starting. Saturday evening highlights include birthday cake, lemonade, and a birthday black powder salute to David Crockett. [Rachel.Bridges@state.tn.us](mailto:Rachel.Bridges@state.tn.us), or (931) 762-9408.

- Long Hunter**      **August 11      Moonlight Canoe Float**  
See program description for June 23<sup>rd</sup> for details. Reservations begin Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Ages 6 & up. 8 pm. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.
- Burgess Falls**      **August 12      Annual Butterfly Garden Celebration**  
Come and enjoy a fun filled day with Ranger and Volunteer led educational programs that include hikes, landscaping with native plants, birds of prey, spiders, and reptiles. 10 am – 3pm.  
[Bill.Summers@state.tn.us](mailto:Bill.Summers@state.tn.us) or (931) 762-9408.
- Long Hunter**      **August 12      Animal Tracks & Traces**  
You can learn a lot about animals without even seeing them! Find out which animals live in Long Hunter State Park by studying the tracks and traces they leave behind. This program will include a track identification craft! Ages 12 and under. 9:30am. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **August 12      Carter Mansion Celebration**  
Join us at the oldest frame house in Tennessee, the beautiful Carter Mansion, located on Broad Street Extension for a day of music and fun. The detailed interior of this house, built around 1775, is unparalleled in Tennessee. 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillip@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillip@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.
- Long Hunter**      **August 16      Wildflowers of Summer**  
Join Ranger April for a walk through blazing color. Late summer wildflowers fill the glades at Long Hunter and are definitely worth a visit! Ages 10 & above. 9 am. Contact: April Welch, [April.Welch@state.tn.us](mailto:April.Welch@state.tn.us), or (615) 885-2422.
- Big Ridge**      **August 18      Bluegrass Festival**  
Join us for an evening of bluegrass, gospel, and old time country music performed by several local bands. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. 7 pm – midnight. Contact: Sarah Nicley, [Sarah.Nicley@state.tn.us](mailto:Sarah.Nicley@state.tn.us), or (865) 992-5523.
- Long Hunter**      **August 18      Celestial Celebration**  
Explore the heavens above without ever lifting your feet off the ground! Join Seasonal Ranger Sheri and learn how to make your very own star chart to help identify common constellations of the night sky. We will then put these charts to use as we “hike” the night sky in search of constellations, comets, planets, and more! Ages 6 and above. 7 pm. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.

**Davy Crockett  
Birthplace**

**August 19 & 20      Crockett Days**

Join us to celebrate the birth of Davy Crockett, pioneer, political leader and one of Tennessee and Greene County's most famous sons. Explore living history demonstrations, workshops, games, crafts, period food and music. Highlighting both Native American culture and early Pioneer Life in Tennessee. Contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or (423) 257-2167.

**Long Hunter**

**August 19      Stories of the Ancient Ones**

See program description from July 29<sup>th</sup> for details. All program participants should meet at the Sellars Farm Archaeological Site. Please contact the Park Office for directions at (615) 885-2422. Ages 6 and above. 9 am. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.

**Fall Creek Falls**

**August 20      Triathlon**

Push your limits in a 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride, followed by a 10km run. For more info contact Martin Coleman at (865) 250-3618.

**Long Hunter**

**August 23      Fossil Finding Foray**

Shallow oceans covered Tennessee some 450 million years ago leaving fossiliferous limestone beds scattered across the state and found locally at Long Hunter. Join Ranger April for an informative look at marine fossils found in the area followed by a walk back in time searching for these creatures. Ages 6 & above. 9 am. Contact: April Welch, [April.Welch@state.tn.us](mailto:April.Welch@state.tn.us), or (615) 885-2422.

**Fall Creek Falls**

**August 26      Adventure Race**

Challenge your endurance in a race that consists of running, mountain biking, swimming, orienteering and rappelling. If interested contact River Sports in Knoxville at (865) 523-0066 or email: [www.riversportsadventures.com](http://www.riversportsadventures.com).

**Standing Stone**

**August 26      9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STANDING STONE CAR SHOW**

Come and enjoy antique cars/trucks and hot rods. The event is a fun filled day of music and food. Some 300 vehicles will be showed and judged. Show your own or just come and observe. Meet at Standing Stone State Park's Recreational Field. 8 am. Contact: [Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us](mailto:Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us), or (931) 823-6347.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**August 26      Mountain River Concerts**

Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are **Roan Mountain Moonshiners and The Trailblazer Cloggers**. Admission fee. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

- Long Hunter**      **August 27**      **Sunrise Canoe Float**  
See program description from July 1<sup>st</sup> for details. Reservations begin Sunday, August 20th. Ages 6 and above. 6:30 am. Contact: Sheri Mersch, (615) 885-2422.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **August 27**      **Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**  
Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.
- Natchez Trace**      **Labor Day Weekend**      **Park Programs**  
Come spend the last weekend of summer with us at Natchez Trace. There will be a variety of natural, historical and recreational programs provided for the entire family. Contact (731) 968-3742.
- Bicentennial Capitol Mall**      **September Weekdays**      **Characters In Time**  
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- Fort Pillow**      **September 2-4**      **Labor Day Activities**  
Enjoy a weekend of scheduled historical programs, hikes, and outdoor games. For program schedule contact [Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us](mailto:Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us) or (713) 738-5581.
- Standing Stone**      **September 2**      **6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Camper's Night Light Contest**  
Decorate your campsite with a creative selection of lights. 1<sup>st</sup> place prize, for most original display, is one week of FREE Camping at Standing Stone State Park. 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize is two days/nights of FREE Camping at

Standing Stone State Park. Also, a fun prize for 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Judging will begin at dark. ***Camping Fee is required to participate!***  
Contact: [Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us](mailto:Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us), or (931) 823-6347.

- T. O. Fuller                      September 2                      Annual FullerFest**  
This event is open to the public and is a day of fun and activities. There will be vendors for food and merchandise, FullerFest Golf Tourney, Gospel Show, Car & Motorcycle Show, Swimming/Diving contest, 3 on 3 Basketball tournament and Bike-a-Thon. Please call the park office @ (901) 543-7581 for more information on entry and vendor fees.
- Fall Creek Falls                      September 8<sup>th</sup>                      28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival**  
Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, and demonstrations of pioneer skills are just part of the fun. Country cooking, bluegrass music, and different exhibits round out the jam-packed schedule. For further information call (423) 881-5298.
- Fort Loudoun                      September 9 & 10                      18<sup>th</sup> Century Trade Faire**  
Fort Loudoun State Historic Area will host this annual event that provides visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Faire. Entertainment, vendors, food, demonstrations, etc. appropriate to the period will be featured during this two day event.  
[Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us](mailto:Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us) or (423) 884-6217.
- Paris Landing                      September 9-10                      Fall Craft Show**  
This annual event features handmade crafts by region artisans. For more information: [J.B.Davis@state.tn.us](mailto:J.B.Davis@state.tn.us) or (731) 641-4465.
- Sycamore Shoals                      September 9 & 10                      6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**  
Come celebrate our Celtic heritage that fills our lives in the mountains of East Tennessee. Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history, there will be dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening all with a focus on our Celtic culture. Admissions Charge. Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday Concert: 8:00 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.
- Pickwick Landing                      September 16                      Darryl Worley's Tennessee River Run**  
West Tennessee Healthcare presents Darryl Worley & friends, Country music by the river. Also, tentatively, the Celebrity Golf Tournament, Celebrity Fishing Tournament, Boat Poker Run, Motorcycle Poker Run, a 5k run, Celebrity Silent Auction, and Arts and Crafts Fair. And best of all, it's for a good cause. For more information, please contact: Ranger Tim Dudley, [Tim.Dudley@state.tn.us](mailto:Tim.Dudley@state.tn.us) or call (731) 689-3129.

- Pinson Mounds**      **September 16-17      24<sup>th</sup> Annual Archaeofest**  
A Celebration of Native American Culture and Archaeology: With Native American Dancers, Hay Wagon Tours, Story Telling, Native American Foods, Native American Crafts, Wildlife Programs, Flint Knapping and artifact identification. For more information please contact the park office at Pinson Mounds at (731) 988-5614.
- Standing Stone**      **September 16      24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Rolley Hole Championship**  
This is a one of a kind family experience as featured by ESPN, ABC Evening News, Sports Illustrated, Charles Kuralt and CBS, Smithsonian Institution, CNN, National Geographic, Southern Living.... Everyone is invited to participate in marble games of all types. Festival will include kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. (*Registration is required for Rolley Hole Tournament.*) 8 am. Contact: [Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us](mailto:Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us), or (931) 823-6347.
- Henry Horton**      **September 22 - 24      Step Back in Time**  
To keep the history of years gone by alive, this event has antique farm equipment in action, tractor parade, making of candles and lye soap, long hunters, music, craft booths, and much more. For more information, contact [Karen.Moore@state.tn.us](mailto:Karen.Moore@state.tn.us) or (931) 364-2222.
- Cordell Hull Birthplace**      **September 23      Cordell Hull Folk Festival**  
Please join the Friends of Cordell Hull as we celebrate the life of the former Secretary of State and Nobel Laureate. Events include living history demonstrations, arts and crafts, regional music, birds of prey program, storytelling, and an abundance of good food! 10AM - 4PM. [Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us](mailto:Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us) or (931) 864-3247.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **September 23 & 24      Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration**  
Join us for an encampment by the Company of Overmountain Men militia before the Battle of King's Mountain in 1780. 10 am. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals**      **September 24      Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**  
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- Sycamore Shoals**      **September 25      Overmountain Victory Trail March**



Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march of the Overmountain Men since 1975. This year the marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the militia did 226 years ago for the muster before they rode to victory at King's Mountain. Approximate time of crossing the river is 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**National Public Lands Day      September 30.**

For a list of events your contact for East Tennessee is Lisa Huff at 865 594-5601 [Lisa.Huff@state.tn.us](mailto:Lisa.Huff@state.tn.us), Middle Tennessee - Forrest Evans 615 741- 9205 [Forrest.Evans@state.tn.us](mailto:Forrest.Evans@state.tn.us), and West Tennessee – Chad Harden 731 512- 1369 [Charles.Harden@state.tn.us](mailto:Charles.Harden@state.tn.us)

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**Big Ridge      October Friday & Saturday Nights      Ghost House Hikes**

Park Rangers lead a “haunting” experience as we hike the park’s Ghost house Trail after dark. Along the way we will stop at the Norton Cemetery and listen to spine-tingling stories about the ghosts of big Ridge. Pre-registration required. Call the park office for further details: (865) 992-5523.

**Sycamore Shoals      Month of October      *Mysterious Candlelight Tours*  
of the John and Landon Carter Mansion**

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Carter mansion after dark? A house that is over 200 years old is bound to have some mysterious stories. At select times during the month of October, you will have the rare opportunity to visit the oldest frame house in Tennessee and explore the mysterious side of this historic place. For dates & times contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.

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Capitol Mall**

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**Sycamore Shoals**

**October 6-8 Sycamore Shoals Quilt Show**

This three-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. Friday & Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Davy Crockett Birthplace**

**October 7 18<sup>th</sup> Century Fall Camp**

This event is for all who want to learn about becoming a re-enactor, learn the dress, camp, food, games and workshops will be held for all interested parties. Contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or (423) 257-2167.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**October 7 & 8 Fort Watauga Knap-In**

Help us celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week at Fort Watauga with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Displays of replicated primitive artifacts and demonstrations with primitive weapons such as bow and arrow and atlatl fill the days. Come and make your own projectile points! 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**October 7, 14, 21 & 28 Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**

Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Bicentennial Capitol Mall**

**October 13 & 14 Tennessee's History Festival**

Did you ever wish you could travel back in time? Were you born in the wrong era? The Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park is calling all time

travelers to the third annual Tennessee's History Festival. On Friday and Saturday enjoy living history participants from the Woodland Indians and Hernando De Soto time period through the Vietnam and Gulf War time period. Visitors to the park can speak first hand with past Tennessee greats like: Andrew Jackson, Davy Crockett, Sam Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and Alvin C. York. Park visitors can witness live demonstrations at a black smith's forge, techniques of throwing a tomahawk, loading a Civil War percussion, black powder rifle, to World War II gas powered machine guns. 10 am – 5 pm both days. [Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us](mailto:Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us) or 615-532-2683.

### **Carter State Natural Area**

#### **October 21                      Buggytop Cave Hike**

**Location:** Meet at the Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow

**Date:** October 21, 2006.

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. CDT

**Leader:** Forrest Evans, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage.

**Reservations required:** RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> to Forrest Evans, 615-532-0431 or [forrest.evans@state.tn.us](mailto:forrest.evans@state.tn.us). The first 12 reservations can take advantage of free van transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.

**Description:** Journey through the fall beauty of one of Tennessee's scenic natural areas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter Natural Area. We will hike to Buggytop Cave which is rated strenuous for the elevation change, and then enter the cave on the lower end and hike a half-mile through the cave to a different exit. We will not go if it is raining or it is predicted to rain. Consult the weather reports before the trip. Dress warmly, bring at least two sources of light, a helmet is optional; wear sturdy boots, and bring plenty of water and lunch.

### **Carroll Cabin State Natural Area**

#### **October 21                      Wildflower Hike**

**Location:** Carroll Cabin Natural Area parking lot, Decatur County

**Date:** October 21, 2006.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. CDT

**Leader:** Chad Harden, Stewardship Ecologist, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage and Bart Jones from TN Native Plant Society.

**Reservations required:** RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> to Chad Hardin, 731-512-1369 or [Charles.Harden@state.tn.us](mailto:Charles.Harden@state.tn.us)

**Description:** Hike the recently completed trail through the forests and glades along the west bank of the Tennessee River. Observe the state listed rare plants unique to these cedar glades and the recently discovered Great Plain's Ladies Tresses (*Spiranthes magnicamporum*); one of the only two confirmed occurrences in the state. Wear boots, bring lunch and water.

- Fall Creek Falls      October 21 & 22      Fall Colors Weekend**  
Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls. [Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us](mailto:Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us), or (423) 881-5298.
- Sycamore Shoals      October 21      Genealogy Symposium**  
Enjoy a full day of research tips, displays, online work, and informative presentations; an wonderful way to learn more about your family history! Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association. 10 am – 4 pm.  
Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals      October 26      Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion**  
Strange things happen around the time of All Hallows Eve, especially in a graveyard. Join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted, we don't think! 7:30 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.
- Fall Creek Falls      October 28      Wild Foods Day**  
Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. [Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us](mailto:Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us), or (423) 881-5708.
- Fort Pillow      October 28      Fall Festival**  
Hayride, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest and more to help celebrate Fall. For times and activities contact [Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us](mailto:Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us) or (731) 738-5581.
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Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Featured entertainers are **Androsson, Celtic Rock**. Admission fee. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals      October 29      Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**  
Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering! 2 – 5 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.

**Bicentennial  
Capitol Mall**

**November Weekdays**

**Characters In Time**

Beginning on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the Bicentennial State Park will feature an hour-long program with a character of Tennessee history. Park visitors can visit every weekday (Monday through Friday) with either Davy Crockett, Confederate or Union Infantry soldier, or Alvin C. York. Programming will include a brief discussion of the park, biography of the character, description of the clothing, and conclude with a demonstration. No reservations are required; however, groups over twenty seeking specific characters are encouraged to call ahead for character times and availability.

Amphitheater seating for two thousand available!

[Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us](mailto:Harry.Hampton@state.tn.us) or 615-532-2683.

**Fort Pillow**

**November 4 & 5 Living History Weekend**

Visit Civil War era encampments, see various demonstrations common to the 1860's and a variety of historical programs.

[Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us](mailto:Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us) or (731) 738-5581.

**Short Springs**

**State Natural Area**

**November 4**

**Short Springs Hike**

**Location:** Short Springs Natural Area Parking lot

**Date:** November 4, 2006.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. CDT

**Leader:** Brian Bowen, Natural Areas Program Administrator, Tennessee Division of Natural Heritage

**Reservations:** requested but not required, contact Brian Bowen 615 532-0436

[Brian.Bowen@state.tn.us](mailto:Brian.Bowen@state.tn.us)

**Description:** This hike is great opportunity to see Short Springs in the fall when foliage is near its peak. The hike will follow about 3 miles of trail that will feature upper and lower Bobo Falls, Machine Falls, and Adams Falls. The hike will take visitors across scenic creeks, through dry oak forests, and into colorful forests. Dress appropriately, wear comfortable hiking boots or shoes and bringing water is always a good idea.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**November 10 -12**

**Christmas Craft Show**

Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local craftsperson's exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. Held in the park visitor center. Friday:

10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, & Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Fall Creek Falls**

**November 11**

**Backpacking Trip**

Hike a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. Two day hike with one overnight camp. This hike is for both novices and

experienced backpackers. Fee is \$10. Pre-registration is required. Contact [Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us](mailto:Matthew.Brown@state.tn.us), (423) 881-5708.

**Davy Crockett  
Birthplace**

**November 17 Pioneer Thanksgiving**

Join park staff and local re-enactors for a traditional styled Thanksgiving Feast down at the Crockett Cabin. We also practice tomahawk, archery and flintlock rifle skills. Contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or (423) 257-2167.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**November 18 – 19 Thanksgiving Garrison at Fort Watauga**

Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Enjoy lots of food and demonstrations. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Davy Crockett  
Birthplace**

**December 1 & 2 Crockett Christmas**

This is a living history event that is held inside the replica cabin in which Davy Crockett was born. Carolers from the community will provide music and we will have traditional food treats as well. Contact [Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us](mailto:Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us) or (423) 257-2167

**Fall Creek Falls**

**December 1-3 Christmas on the Mountain**

A weekend of Yuletide fun and food, Christmas Carols, and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties, and a two-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in. For further information call (423) 881-5298.

**Paris Landing**

**December 2-3 Christmas By the Lake Craft Show**

If your needing that one gift that you cant find in stores stop by and look through some homemade crafts, it may be what your looking for. For more information: [J.B.Davis@state.tn.us](mailto:J.B.Davis@state.tn.us) or (731) 641-4465.

**Sycamore Shoals**

**December 3 & Month of December Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**

With a Winterfest theme of "The Night Before Christmas," this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork, and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir Christmas trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork. Opening Reception: Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 pm. Through December: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Contact: [Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Bauer@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Sycamore Shoals**      **December 8**      **Christmas at the Carter Mansion**  
Spend the evening in this 18<sup>th</sup> century home built on the frontier around 1775 featuring the beautiful interior craftsmanship decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music highlight the evening. Admission is \$1.00/person, maximum \$2.00/family. Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-6140.

**Stinging Fork Falls  
Pocket Wilderness  
State Natural Area**

**December 9**      **Hike to Stinging Fork Falls Pocket Wilderness**  
**Location:** Meet at the Stinging Fork parking area  
**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2006  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. CST to approximately 1:00 p.m.  
**Leader:** Lisa Huff, Natural Areas Program  
**Reservations:** Required. Call or email Lisa Huff, (865) 594-5601, [lisa.huff@state.tn.us](mailto:lisa.huff@state.tn.us)

**Description:** Lisa Huff, Stewardship Ecologist with Tennessee State Natural Areas, invites you to a winter hike in the Stinging Fork Pocket Wilderness. The hike is considered moderate to difficult, but short with a round trip of about 4 miles. Wear warm clothes in layers and good footwear. Bring water and food as necessary. We will not go if it is forecast to rain or snow or if conditions are particularly icy at the time of the hike. If we have time and interest, we may swing by Piney Falls on our way out, after the Stinging Fork hike is finished.

**Norris Dam**      **December 9**      **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holliday Homecoming Celebration**  
Holiday Homecoming includes lighted decorated cabins with a variety of historical themes including - Coal Mining, The CCC, The Veterans, The TVA, An old-timey bakery cabin, and a Park Natural Resources cabin, Event also includes Bluegrass Music, Carolers, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, and everyone's favorite, Santa Claus. Contact: [Allison.Humble@state.tn.us](mailto:Allison.Humble@state.tn.us) or (865) 426-7461.

**Sycamore Shoals**      **December 9 & 10**      **Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga**  
Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact: [Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us](mailto:Greg.Phillipy@state.tn.us) or (423) 543-5808.

**Cordell Hull**

## **Birthplace**

**December 14**

### **Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace**

Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park and the Friends of Cordell Hull are excited to offer the second annual Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace. The event will run from 5PM until 8PM. Highlights of this holiday open house include traditional Christmas decorations in the cabin, refreshments, holiday bluegrass and old fashion Christmas music. [Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us](mailto:Robin.P.Cooper@state.tn.us) or (931) 864-3247.